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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HOLDS INAUGURAL SESSION

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1. MORNING OF JUNE 8, THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, ELECTED LAST MARCH FOR THE 1978-1980 TERM, HELD ITS FORMAL INAUGURAL SESSION (INFORMAL SESSIONS HAD BEEN HELD SINCE JUNE 1).
ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WERE PRESIDENT ROMERO, VICE PRESIDENT ASTACIO, JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT, CABINET MINISTERS AND OTHER HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

2. IN HIS OPENING SPEECH TO THE ASSEMBLY AS ITS NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT, DR. JOSE LEANDRO ECHEVERRIA SAID THAT IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE, MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY "MUST TRY TO ERADICATE RANCOR, TERRORISM, AND FANATICISM." HE ALSO URGED THAT EFFECTIVE MEANS MUST BE FOUND TO COUNTER THOSE WHO UNCLASSIFIED

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